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REDUCING OUTBREAKS OF
DIFFUSE LAMELLAR KERATITIS

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination of this application, please amend the application as
follows:

In The Claims:

Please amend claim 33 as follows:

33. (amended) A method for reducing outbreaks of diffuse lamellar keratitis
comprising carrying out [the] a first method [of claim 13] on a daily basis and [the] a second
method [of claim 17] on a less frequent basis;

said first method comprising a method for reducing outbreaks of aseptic
inflammations of the eye resulting from eye surgery in eye surgery clinics using a sterilizer
for sterilizing medical instruments with steam comprising a housing containing a steam
generator supplied by a dispensing pump and a sterilization container for containing said